

At Crafts Hall

The sound of hammer and saw resounds, and scores of skilled artisans are rapidly effecting as truly a wonderful transformation as was ever performed by Aladdin's "Genie of the Lamp."

When completed, Crafts Hall will be one of the most beautiful musical establishments in the country and a source of pride and satisfaction to every music lover in Richmond and the South, through whose liberal patronage it has been made possible.

Here will be found "Everything Musical," from the very latest song hit to the magnificent Concert Grand of special art design.

Spacious, well lighted and equipped with every facility that makes for the comfort and convenience of our musical friends and patrons, Crafts Hall will undoubtedly contribute much to the promotion and development of music in the South.

Among other splendid instruments, the Melodigrand Pianos and Player-Pianos will be prominently featured, and the perfect acoustical properties of our new salesrooms lends itself admirably to the demonstrating and exhibit of their "unequaled and unchanging tone." The Melodigrand possesses advanced and exclusive patented features that assure the absolute permanency of its tone, and is sold with an iron-clad guarantee for a lifetime.

It is not our purpose in this article to give more than a brief hint of the many delightful surprises the formal opening of Crafts Hall has in store for you, but we shall take up the various departments in more detail from day to day.

Watch for them and read them, and be prepared to come and see our complete establishment at our formal opening.

The Crafts Piano Co.

Incorporated.

CRAFTS HALL

Broad at Second Street. Richmond, Va.

N. B.—Our store now open for the transaction of business.

LOSS IS HEAVIER THAN EXPECTED

Insurance on News and Observer Plant Amounts Only to \$28,000.

DAMAGE AMOUNTS TO \$65,000

Expert Accountants Find \$19,000 City Taxes for 1910-11 Uncollected.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Raleigh, N. C., April 26.—Instead of being \$40,000 or \$45,000, as believed, the insurance on the building and plant of the News and Observer, which were destroyed by fire Thursday, amounted to only \$28,000, it was learned today. The loss is estimated at over \$65,000. Secretary of the News and Observer Publishing Company, arrived yesterday afternoon and began making plans for rebuilding. Temporary quarters will be secured at once and a new plant installed.

A sensational development in the Board of Aldermen meeting last night was the report of Expert Accountants Bernard and Goodgo that they had about \$19,000 city taxes for 1910-11 uncollected, a very large amount of this being due by responsible people, also that there was \$1,062 in taxes collected by Tax Collector Jones for 1910 that he had failed to pay into the city treasury until the past day or two, when the auditing department discovered the deficiency. However, this amount had been in bank to his credit as city tax collector all the time. The Aldermen took steps to have the list of unpaid taxes rid of the insolvents and foreclose collection on all collectible. Jones has been tax collector for eight years and led in the primary on Monday for Commissioner of Public Works. E. A. Glenn, recently denounced as city clerk for shortage in his accounts, paid to the Aldermen to-night \$1,336, representing all shortage expert accountants have found against him to date.

Judge Carter, in the Wake Superior Court, indicted a complicated ruling in the Tucker will case that grants the general contention of the plaintiffs in the main, but observing complications that are expected to make adjudication through a definite decree very difficult, if possible at all, in anything like satisfactory terms. He holds that the complaining legatees have a right to a division of the Tucker property that is involved in the will of Major R. S. Tucker, and subsequently tied up in the trust estate created by Mrs. Tucker, but that they cannot disturb the trust fixed on her personal property, amounting to some \$50,000, by Mrs. Tucker, along with that on the real estate. Under his ruling, the three plaintiff daughters can have their shares in the Tucker estate that came from Major R. S. Tucker and was involved in Mrs. Tucker's subsequent will assigned to them, the other three satisfied legatees leaving their shares in that under the will. Then the dissatisfied legatees must relinquish their interest in the \$50,000 personal estate of Mrs. Tucker, pending the residuary interest of the satisfied legatees, in the event certain of the dissatisfied legatees die without issue.

Judge Carter regretted that there had not been an agreement among all the interests that the whole property, real and personal, stand or fall as to the trust issue in the decree of the court construing the will of Major Tucker, and he intimated a hope that such an agreement would be reached before the case was finally passed up from his court to the Supreme Court for final decree.

A charter is issued for the Knox Five and Ten Cent Store Company, of Hickory, N. C., for conducting a general department store, including general dry goods and fancy goods, furnishings, furniture and crockery, incorporating being R. M. Knox, Minnie L. Knox and others, subscribing \$2,500 of \$10,000 authorized capital.

EXERCISES AT HAMPTON.

Hundreds of Distinguished Visitors Guests at Institute.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Hampton, Va., April 26.—The forty-fifth anniversary of Hampton Institute closed yesterday afternoon with striking demonstrations in roof-framing, bed-making, bricklaying and cooking. Over 1,500 people assembled in the school gymnasium for the public exercises. Hundreds of distinguished and enthusiastic visitors were present.

Interesting addresses were delivered by Dr. Wallace Buttrick, secretary of the General Education Board; Rev. William M. Smith, Mrs. Walter C. Roe, Starr J. Murphy and Job E. Hedges. Dr. Buttrick said: "Every time I think of Hampton I get a new definition of education and a new ideal for human training. I believe that Hampton is, after all, the real American university. I believe that it comes nearer having found the clue to the mass in this great process of training people for life in and by life than any other institution in the world."

Mrs. Roe, referring to the withdrawal of the government support for Indians at Hampton, said: "If it is not utterly wrong it is pitifully premature." Robert C. Ogden sent this telegram: "In giving endorsement to Hampton you help the institution that is the best hope for peace in the country. There is vitality in its spirit, and wisdom in its method."

PALMYRA

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Palmyra, Va., April 26.—Quite a party from the Palmyra High School went to Columbia on Friday evening with Misses Talley and Loving and Harry Haden, who were challenged by the Columbia High School for a debate on education. On Tuesday evening a well rendered play, "The Dairy Farm," was given in the court-house by the Palmyra High School. Those taking part were Misses Virginia Sadler, Hilda Brown, Maud Haden, and Page Haden, Willie and Curtis Conrad. Mrs. Charles Comer and Miss Mary Comer are visiting in Palmyra.

Miss Corneilia Shepherd is improving after a severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pettit spent the week at Mr. Pettit's home place here.

Judge Archer King is visiting relatives in Palmyra.

Miss Lucile Pettit is visiting friends in Caroline County.

SCOTTSVILLE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Scottsville, Va., April 26.—Dr. P. M. Strother, of Richmond, was here Tuesday, N. T. Schuler spent several days in Richmond this week.

Miss J. Martin Moon, of Richmond, spent several days here this week.

George A. Hoge and sister, Miss Fannie Hoge, of Richmond, spent Monday and Tuesday with relatives here.

Mr. P. Holliday, who returned from North Carolina, where he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. D. Kincaid, here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Heath, of Lovingsville, who have been spending several days here, have returned to their home.

Miss Beulah Meador, who has been teaching school in Augusta County, is spending vacation with her sister, Mrs. W. D. Prior, in Charlottesville.

Mr. Little P. Stone, of Arvon, is visiting her father and sister on East Main Street.

Miss Helen Harris, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Harris, has returned to the Harrisonburg Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Heath, of Esmont, spent several days this week at the home of Mr. H. H. Heath.

Miss Martha Dillard, of the University of Virginia, spent several days recently at the home of her father, Dr. R. C. Dillard, of Lawrence Tapscott, of Clifton Forge, was here this week.

J. T. Morris, of Warren, was in town several days ago.

Miss Libbie Jefferies is visiting relatives in Midlothian.

Cl. Mason Dillard, of Norfolk, spent several days this week at his beautiful country home, "Chester."

W. Briggs spent Sunday with his family here.

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A Complete Line of

Cool Linen Suitings!

For Fashionable One-Piece Dresses, Coat Suits, Separate Skirts and Dust-Coats

Already LINENS are in big demand for Summer wear; their popularity being as evident in garments that are being made for the mountains and seashore, as in those for street wear, traveling, etc. We welcome an inspection of our stock of Linen Dress Materials, which was never so large and varying as it is to-day.

Ramie Linens, 50c yd

46 inches wide, all pure linen, in Alice blue, Copenhagen, navy, pink and white.

Natural Linen Suitings, 39c, 50c, 59c, 75c, 85c yd

36 to 46 inches wide; each number an exceptionally good value at the price quoted.

Ramie Linens, 39c yd

36 inches wide, in white and popular colors.

Mercerized Pongee Linens, 25c yard

27 inches wide, in a good line of fashionable shades.

Linen Crash Suiting, 29c yd

36 inches wide, in the natural linen shade.

Linen Suitings, 59c yd

36 inches wide, extra soft finish, in a wide range of fashionable shades.

Wash Goods Section, First Floor—Sixth Street.

Millinery

Of Elegance and Distinction

There is an air of distinction, of refinement, a certain exclusiveness about our Millinery that enables the most particular woman to secure a mark of individuality in her hats that is a valuable asset to every well dressed woman.

Many new and beautiful styles—models for the summer season—have made their appearance in this department within the past few days.

Fine Horse-Hair Hats, Transparent Hats, Miltons and fancy Braid Hats, imported Hats and copies; also latest productions from our own workrooms.

The variety is excellent. Prices are moderate.

Second Floor.

Children's Garments

Stamped for Embroidery

Every mother loves pretty embroidered clothes for her little ones.

Visit our First Floor Booth Monday and we'll help you make selections:

Stamped Coats, \$1.50

Stamped Afghan, on Ottoman Cloth, 98c; on poplin, ready for use, .50c

Stamped Nightgowns, .25c

Stamped Caps, on Belfax, 25c; on linen, .35c

Stamped Baby Bibs, .10c

Stamped Sailor Collars, .20c

Stamped Pillow Cases, on Belfax, 35c; on linen, .50c

First Floor Booth.

SILVERWARE

For May Brides

Nothing will please the bride quite so well as a gift of Silverware.

A woman's pride in the attractive appearance of her dining table enhances its value. And no woman can have too much Silverware—so one needn't worry about duplicating gifts.

Our assortments of Silverware, from finest quadruple and Sheffield plate to solid silver, is marvelously complete. The richest patterns and very moderate prices. Mere suggestions:

Solid Silver

We carry a full line of Reed & Barton's Solid Silver Knives, Forks, Spoons and other useful articles.

Special—Solid Silver Bon Bon Spoons, Sugar Spoons and Pickle Forks, for \$1.00 each

Sheffield Plate

12-inch Vase, grape border, \$5.00

2-pt. Hot Water Kettle, plain and polished, \$12.00

8-in. Sandwich Plates, flagree and grape border, \$8.50

Crumb Tray and Scraper, plain and thread border, \$8.50

4-pt. Soup Tureen, plain, \$11.00

Large Bread Tray, plain polished, \$5.80

Bon Bon Basket, new flagree pattern, crystal lining, for \$2.69

Marmalade Jar, crystal lining for \$2.50

Card Tray, footed, engraved and grape border, \$8.25

Sauce Boat and Tray, plain thread border, polished, \$6.50

Best Quadruple Plate

3-pt. Casserole, oval shape, flagree with guernsey lining, \$3.80

9-in. Pie Plate, flagree, with guernsey lining, \$2.00

3-pt. Baking Dish, new shape, \$5.89

Bread Tray, new flagree pattern, \$3.50

8-in. Vase, flagree, crystal lining, \$1.60

2-pt. Soup Tureen, \$5.50

4-pt. Tea Set, plain thread border, \$8.50

4-pt. Tea Set, thread border, polished (Reed & Barton's) price, \$25.00

Cut Glass

New shapes and new cuttings:

Bon Bon Dishes, rock crystal, \$1.50

3-pt. Water Pitcher, rock crystal, \$3.80

Fern Dishes, silver plated lining for \$2.98

10-in. Vase, rock crystal cutting, daisy pattern, special for \$1.00

Basement.

ARRINGTON

Arrington, Va., April 26.—Rev. Frank Mezik is in Salem this week attending the Episcopal convention.

Mrs. J. W. Arrington is spending a few days with Mrs. W. H. Wells, in Lynchburg.

Mrs. E. H. Tompkins left Tuesday, for a two weeks' visit to her sister, Mrs. W. A. Burgess, at Roanoke.

Mrs. W. N. Taylor returned to-day from a short visit to Lynchburg. She was accompanied by Mrs. William Camp.

Mrs. J. W. Arrington is spending a few days with Mrs. W. H. Wells, in Lynchburg.

Mrs. J. T. Brown is in Richmond with her father, Mr. Warren, who continues very ill.

White Goods

Special Values for Monday

Dimities and Checked Lawns; fine 25c qualities for, per yard, 15c

Yard-Wide Longcloth, chamolins; 12-yard pieces, \$1.29 for

Ratine; cream white; popular for dresses, per yard, 25c

Ratine Crepe; 40 inches wide; a 75c value; our special price, 50c

Imported Embroidered Swisses; 50c and 60c qualities for, per yard, 39c

Persian Lawns; fine and sheer; a grade worth double the price, 10c

Initial Turkish Towels, 30c

Initial Wash Cloths, 5c

First Floor.

Children's White Dresses

Special exhibit and sale this week—SEE WINDOW.

Infants' and Children's Dresses.

Long and Short Dresses, of excellent nainsook, yoke effects, beautiful trimmings of embroidery and lace—\$1.00 to \$5.00.

For Children, 2 to 6 Years.

Pretty French Dresses, of fine quality voile, lawn and French nainsook, effectively trimmed with Val lace and embroidery; some hand-embroidered, \$1.00 to \$6.00.

For Children, 6 to 14 Years.

Exquisite White Dresses, of nainsook, Persian Lawn and voile; some elaborately trimmed with Val lace insertion and embroidery; others with baby Irish lace, hand-embroidered—\$2.50 to \$12.00.

Second Floor.

Women's Dresses

Excellent Values

FASHIONABLE RATINE DRESSES (natural color) silk collars and pipings; vestee front, and lace collars and cuffs, only \$7.98

WOMEN'S DRESSES of eponge, serge, messaline and fancy stripe waist effects; beautiful lace trimmed and embroidered effects; specially priced at, \$9.98

COOL DRESSES FOR MORNING WEAR, of striped and checked gingham and striped lawns; dainty new spring models, with lace and embroidery trimmings; special at \$1.98

Children's Coats

6 to 14 year sizes

PRETTY NEW MODELS OF RAJAH SILK AND CLOTH OF GOLD; embellished with lace and silk moire trimmings; prices, \$5.00 and \$9.98.

CHILDREN'S SERGE COATS, with shepherd check collar and cuffs; also, Shepherd Check Coats, with large collars and combination flannel trimmings; very stylish Coats, and for only \$8.98.

Second Floor—

Women's Section.

\$19.50 to \$25.00 Suits, \$15.00

The most Fashionable Suits made for this spring and summer wear. Plain tailored and fancy trimmed models of imported eponge, serge, Bedford cord and fancy mixtures. Coats lined with peau de cygne.

A bargain that must be availed of quickly, as the number is limited.

Second Floor.

DISAGREE ON ROAD BUILDING PLANS

Squabble in Augusta County May Prevent Sale of \$250,000 Bond Issue.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Staunton, Va., April 26.—South River District, in Augusta County, which last year voted a bond issue of \$250,000 for the purpose of building good roads, is in a squabble over the spending of the money. The road officials of the district, working in conjunction with the State Highway Commissioner, have laid out for improvement forty miles of roads, all centering in Waynesboro.

The order of the court under which the issue was voted provided for the improvement of seventy miles of roads specified in the order.

The residents of the western part of the district, most of whose travel is to Staunton, fear that the whole \$250,000 will be expended on the forty miles, leaving the roads to Staunton, or in the direction of Staunton, unimproved, and they have appeared before the Board of Supervisors of the county, who have control of all road building in the county, and have stopped all preliminary work until the dispute can be settled.

The supervisors have not yet sold the bonds, though they have advertised them for sale, and unless the matter is adjusted to the satisfaction of the supervisors, they will not sell the bonds.

The supervisors have cited all patrons concerned, including the State Highway Commissioner, P. St. J. Wilson, to appear before the board on Tuesday next to thresh out the matter.

POCAHONTAS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Pocahontas, Va., April 26.—Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Ward have for their guest this week, Al Lindsay, of Greensboro, N. C., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Baughman, of W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baldwin were the guests of relatives in Bluefield, W. Va., this week.

Miss Cary, who has been spending some time in Cleveland, O., has returned home. They and Mrs. K. Y. Umbarger, of Bluefield, W. Va., are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Ward, at the Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Bixie, of Cherokee, W. Va., are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Healdman, at the "Oaks."

Mrs. J. Acton Landon and Mrs. C. C. Frazier were the guests of friends in Bramwell, W. Va., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Marvin Umbarger had for their guest this week Mrs. J. H. Perry, of Bramwell, W. Va.

UPPERVILLE

Upperville, Va., April 26.—Dr. Lanchester of the United States Navy, has purchased from Bedford Gladcock 165 acres of land at \$15 per acre, on which he expects to erect a commodious residence in the near future. It is about two miles south of this village.

R. Lee, son of General Robert E. Lee, and family will be given a very cordial welcome by this community when they move into their new residence, one-quarter of a mile south of town, which is nearing completion.

The "school fever" at the Upperville High School on Friday, in which prizes were awarded for school work for domestic science work and in athletic created no little interest in this community.

Miss B. M. Stahl, of Richmond, who has been a first assistant teacher of the High School for the last two sessions, is on the way to her new residence, which she will give up her work if the does not soon improve.

Mrs. H. M. Scott and little son, of Laurel Hill, are visiting her sister, Mrs. C. F. Hall, of this place.

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